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Dear Alex Harris,

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 3 October 2014 concerning the cancelling of New Zealand passports under section 8A of the Passport Act 1992.

You have asked how many passports have been cancelled under section 8A of the Passport Act 1992 since February 2014. You also asked how many of the people whose passports have been cancelled under section 8A were believed or suspected to be outside New Zealand at the time.

In response to your first request, two passports have been cancelled under section 8A since February 2014.

With regard to your question about passports cancelled under section 8A where the person was believed or suspected to be outside New Zealand at the time, I am withholding this information under S. 6(a) of the Official information Act, *viz*, that to do so would “*prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand*”, and S.6(c) of the Official information Act, *viz* that to do so would “*prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences...*”

Should you wish you can, by way of complaint under S.28(c) of the Act, appeal to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of this partial refusal.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Dunne  
Minister of Internal Affairs